(a) total production of coarse, fine and superfine varieties of paddy in Punjab during the last three years;

(b) the rates of which fine and superfine varieties of paddy were procured by procurement agencies during this period;

(c) whether PR-106, which is a superfine variety of paddy, was purchased at the rate of fine variety of paddy during the year 1995-96, togetherwith the details thereof; and

(d) what compensation would be given to the farmers for the losses accrued to them due to low rate paid to them for superfine paddy?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Variety-wise estimates of production of different crops including paddy are not prepared.

(b) Variety-wise minimum support prices of paddy during the last three years were as follows:

(Rs. per quintal)

| Variety | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Common | 310 | 340 | 360 |
| Fine | 330 | 360 | 375 |
| Superfine | 350 | 380 | 395 |

(c) PR-106 variety of paddy/rice was classified as Superfine in the State of Punjab by the procurement agencies during 1995-96.

(d) Does not arise.

**Medical Facilities in Long Distance Trains**

2681. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide medical facilities in long distance trains;

(b) if so, by when and in which trains these facilities are going to be introduced;

(c) whether this facility will be free or an amount will be charged from the passengers of these trains, and if to be charged, the amount thereof; and

(d) whether arrangements will be made that passengers of 2nd class are attended to on priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) First-Aid facilities are available in all passenger carrying trains. Proposals for making doctors available on long distance trains with related scope of medical facilities are under examination.

**Stoppage of 'Shan-e-Punjab' at Rajpura**

2682. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide stoppage of 'Shan-e-Punjab' Express at Rajpura Railway Station;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Superfast character of Shan-e-Punjab and availability of other services at Rajpura.

**Fish Farming Development Agencies**

2683. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fish farming development agencies are being set-up in every State;